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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 31 are pending in this application with claims 1 – 31 being amended and claim 32 being added by this response. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating emergency logon for a healthcare provider, the method comprising:

(a) providing a logon process that collects identification information and authentication information and provides access when identification information is authenticated by authentication information;

(b) receiving a request for emergency logon from an entity said healthcare provider;

(c) collecting identification information from the entity healthcare provider; and

(d) without authenticating the identification information collected from the entity healthcare provider, providing the entity healthcare provider with emergency access.

2. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 1 further comprising:

(e) alerting an administrator regarding the request for emergency logon.

3. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 1 further comprising:

(e) producing an audit log that is more detailed than an audit log produced when identification information is authenticated by authentication information.

4. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 1, wherein the emergency access provided to the entity healthcare provider in (d) is the same as the access provided when identification information is authenticated by authentication information.

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5. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 1, wherein the emergency access provided to the entity healthcare provider in (d) is different from the access provided when identification information is authenticated by authentication information.

6. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 5, wherein emergency access provides read-only access, and wherein access provided when identification information is authenticated by authentication information is not limited to read-only access.

7. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 1, wherein the entity healthcare provider requests emergency logon by clicking on a displayed emergency logon button.

8. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 1, wherein the information collected from the entity healthcare provider in (c) comprises at least one character.

9. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 1, wherein the information collected from the entity healthcare provider in (c) comprises biometric information.

10. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 1, wherein the method for emergency logon is implemented on a computer-based medical information system.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating emergency logon for a healthcare provider, the method comprising:

- (a) providing a workstation comprising a logon process that collects identification information and authentication information and operates in a first operating mode when identification information is authenticated by authentication information;
- (b) receiving a request for emergency logon from an entity said healthcare provider;
- (c) collecting identification information from the entity healthcare provider;

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(d) without authenticating the identification information collected from the entity healthcare provider, operating the workstation in a second operating mode, the second operating mode being different from the first operating mode.

12. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 11, wherein, in the second operating mode, an administrator is alerted regarding the request for emergency logon.

13. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 11, wherein, in the second operating mode, an audit log is produced that is more detailed than an audit log produced in the first operating mode.

14. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 11, wherein, in the second operating mode, read-only access is provided to data; and wherein, in the first operating mode, access to data is not limited to read-only access.

15. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 11, wherein the entity healthcare provider requests emergency logon by clicking on a displayed emergency logon button.

16. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 11, wherein the information collected from the entity healthcare provider in (c) comprises at least one character.

17. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 11, wherein the information collected from the entity healthcare provider in (c) comprises biometric information.

18. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 11, wherein the method for emergency logon is implemented on a computer-based medical information system.

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19. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating emergency logon for a healthcare provider, the method comprising:

- (a) providing a computer-based medical information system comprising a logon process that collects identification information and authentication information and provides access to medical data when identification information is authenticated by authentication information;
- (b) displaying an emergency logon button;
- (c) receiving a selection of the emergency logon button from an entity said healthcare provider;
- (d) collecting identification information from the entity healthcare provider;
- (e) without authenticating the identification information collected from the entity healthcare provider, providing the entity healthcare provider with read-only access to the medical data; and
- (f) alerting an administrator regarding the request for emergency logon.

20. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 19 further comprising:

- (g) producing an audit log that is more detailed than an audit log produced when identification information is authenticated by authentication information.

21. (Currently Amended) The invention method of Claim 19, wherein the computer-based medical information system comprises a plurality of workstations, a local area network, a medical information database server, a domain server, and a network server.

22. (Currently Amended) A system having an emergency logon feature for a healthcare provider, the system comprising:

- an application executable on a processing device for:
  - a mechanism for collecting identification information and authentication information and providing access when identification information is authenticated by authentication information;
  - a mechanism for receiving a request for emergency logon from an entity said healthcare provider;

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~~a mechanism for collecting identification information from the entity healthcare provider; and~~

~~a mechanism for, without authenticating the identification information collected from the entity healthcare provider, providing the entity with emergency access.~~

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~invention system~~ of Claim 22 ~~further comprising:~~  
~~wherein the application executable in the processing device is~~

~~a mechanism for alerting an administrator regarding the request for emergency logon.~~

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~invention system~~ of Claim 22 ~~further comprising:~~  
~~wherein the application executable in the processing device is~~

~~a mechanism for producing an audit log that is more detailed than an audit log produced when identification information is authenticated by authentication information.~~

25. (Currently Amended) The ~~invention system~~ of Claim 22, wherein the emergency access provided to the entity is the same as the access provided when identification information is authenticated by authentication information.

26. (Currently Amended) The ~~invention system~~ of Claim 22, wherein the emergency access provided to the entity healthcare provider is different from the access provided when identification information is authenticated by authentication information.

27. (Currently Amended) The ~~invention system~~ of Claim 26, wherein emergency access provides read-only access, and wherein access provided when identification information is authenticated by authentication information is not limited to read-only access.

28. (Currently Amended) The ~~invention system~~ of Claim 22, wherein the entity healthcare provider requests emergency logon by clicking on a displayed emergency logon button.

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29. (Currently Amended) The invention system of Claim 22, wherein the information collected from the entity healthcare provider comprises at least one character.

30. (Currently Amended) The invention system of Claim 22, wherein the information collected from the entity healthcare provider comprises biometric information.

31. (Currently Amended) The invention system of Claim 22, wherein the system comprises a computer-based medical information system.